GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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EXPANSION OF AAY
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of families identified under Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) in various States particularly Andhra Pradesh as on date;

(b) the details regarding allocation and off-take of foodgrains under AAY in various States particularly Andhra Pradesh during the last three years; year-wise;

(c) whether requests have been received by the Government from some States particularly Andhra Pradesh for further expansion of AAY; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (DR. AKHILESH PRASAD SINGH)

(a): A Statement showing the number of families under AAY State-wise is at Annexure-I. Out of 2.50 crore targeted AAY families, the various State/UT Governments have identified so far 2.43 crore families and issued ration cards to them.

(b): Statement showing State-wise allocation and offtake of wheat 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 (upto December, 2007) at annexures II, III, IV & V respectively including Andhra Pradesh. Statement showing State-wise allocation and offtake of Rice 2004-05, 2005-06, 2006-07 and 2007-08 (upto December, 2007) at annexures VI, VII, VIII & IX respectively including Andhra Pradesh.

(c)&(d): Yes, Sir. Some State Governments including Andhra Pradesh have requested to increase the targeted number of AAY families.AAY families are part of BPL category. At present, the total number of targeted BPL families in the country is 6.52 crore which is based on the poverty estimates of the Planning Commission for the year 1993-94 and population projection by Registrar General of India as on 01.03.2000. In order to make TPDS more focused and targeted towards poorest of the poor, Antyodaya Anna Yojana was launched in December, 2000 for one crore families to be identified from amongst the BPL families. This scheme has been expanded thrice since inception during 2003-04, 2004-05 and 2005-06, with additional 50 lakh AAY households every time. Thus, the target of the Government is to cover 2.50 crore AAY households.